EXECUTIVE MEETING.
April 26th, 1910.

BUDGET PLAN. Miss White, the Treasurer, then spoke in detail of the "Budget Plan" now being introduced in Presbyterian Churches, and called attention to some features of this plan which would be detrimental to the work of the Woman's Board, as in some churches the Woman's Work is not recognized and in others there are no opportunities allowed for special appeals for the woman's work. Her report for the month showed a satisfactory increase over the corresponding date last year.

Action of Executive Commission.

November - 1912.

The Executive Commission after conference with the officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions on the subject of the relationship of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to the general Budget System of the Church, find that it is mutually agreeable that the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be included in the general Budget System of the Church subject to the same general rules and regulations as at present govern all the permanent agencies of the Church.

BUDGET OF BOARDS:

National Home Missions	$375,694.57
Home Missions through Woman's Bd	371,003.75
Synodical & Presbyterial Home Miss	491,909.63
Board of Foreign Missions	840,590.13
Foreign Miss. through Woman's Bd	459,769.30
Board of Education	78,483.54
Board of Publication &S.S.Work	171,959.05
Board of Church Erection	76,585.55
Board of Ministerial Relief	127,926.47
Missions for Freedmen	88,069.04
Missions for " through Woman's Bd	85,993.51
College Board	141,986.62
Permanent Temperance Committee	35,000.00

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January 7th, 1914.

re Budget in local Church

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

At a meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, held Tuesday, January 6th, 1914, you were appointed as Chairman of a Committee consisting of Mrs. C. F. Darlington, 143 West 57th St., New York City and Miss Anna Hyatt, 262 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, N.Y., to bring in a recommendation with regard to the relation of our local societies to the budget system of the local church.

Trusting you will be able to serve on this important committee,

Very cordially yours,

M.A.G./P. Mary A. Gildersleeve

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Budget

January 8, 1914.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Enclosed is a copy of the recommendation sent to the Woman's Board from the Foreign Boards with regard to the Budget. Mrs. A. L. Berry, Room 48, 509 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, President of the Northwest Board, sent this recommendation to be presented to our Board. The letter was acknowledged, stating that the matter would be taken up at the first meeting of the Board. In the meantime, you understand that these recommendations have been presented to the Joint Executive Commi~~sion~~tee and received favorable consideration.

Yours with love,

Mary A. Gillespie

G/S
Enc.

Plan I

COPY

The Assembly's Board and the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions urgently request the Executive Commission to settle the question of the relations of the Women's Boards to the Budget System on the following basis:

1. That the women of the Church should take their part in the Every Member Canvass and Weekly Subscription Plan of supporting the benevolences of the Church.

11. That the offerings of the women for the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the budget, but that the local auxiliaries of the Women's Boards continue to make their contributions to these Boards and to conduct their educational missionary work through their own separate activities as heretofore.

Recommendation sent by B'd of H.M.

COPY

Jan.13,1914

Sent to Mrs. John H.Finley
280 Convent Ave.,
New York City

AND

Mrs. William Waters
430 W. 118 St.
New York City

My dear Mrs. Waters:

At a meeting of the Joint Executive Committee of the Boards of General Assembly held at Philadelphia on January 6th, a matter came up affecting the Women's Boards. At the Meeting of the Committee held Dec. 16th, the following action was taken:

"' The Assembly's Board and the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions earnestly request the Executive Commission to settle this question of the relation of the Women's Boards to the Budget System on the following basis:

1. That the women of the Church should take their part in the Every Member Canvass and weekly subscription plan, as supporting the benevolences of the Church.

2. That the offerings of the Women for the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the Budget, but that the local auxiliaries of the Women's Boards, continue to make their contributions to the Boards and to conduct their missionary and educational work through their own separate activities as heretofore. "

The above action having been brought to the attention of the Joint Executive Committee, the Committee, in view of the divergent interpretations of the action of the General Assembly (Minutes 1913 p.213) instructs its representatives and correspondents during the present campaign to observe the desires of the churches and their Women's Societies in the plans they advocate."

At the Meeting of Jan. 6th, the following action was taken:

"Dr.Hill reported that he had duly notified the Women's Boards, all Correspondents, and all Chairmen of United Committees as to the action of this Committee at its last meeting. Dr.Halsey was requested to confer with the officers of the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions concerning their participation in the Budget with a view to their cooperation with the Woman's Board of Home Missions in the presentation of a statement to the forthcoming Meeting of the Executive Commission upon which all Womens

Boards may agree."

This action was the result of a statement by Mr. McAfee that the Woman'sBoard of Home Missions had not been consulted regarding the resolution which was brought to the Council on December 16th, and that, therefore, the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions should see them and get their consent, or come to an agreement with them, before this whole matter shall be considered by the Executive Commission at its meeting next month.

Now I do not know as I have made my meaning clear, but this, in substance, is the situation. The resolution was brought to the Joint Executive Committee on December 16th, in which it was asked that the offerings of the women for the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the Budget. Mr. McAfee, representing the Home Board, and, in this case, representing the women of the Home Board, stated that the Women of the Home Board had not been consulted regarding this matter. Hence the resolution adopted at the meeting of January 6th as stated above. I was asked to confer with you regarding this matter.

I shall be happy to see you and any members of your committee at any time that may suit your convenience. It seems to me however, the important thing now is to see that the women of the Home Board find out where they stand. So far as we could learn from Mr. McAfee's statement, they did not wish to do what you have asked the Executive Commission to do, namely, exclude the offerings of the women from the Budget. I think the matter can be straightened out in conference, but if I can give you any further light, do not hesitate to see me. Miss Hubbard, to whom I spoke, said I was to send the letter to you.

Very cordially yours

(Signed)A.W.Halsey

H/C
Copied HS

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File as overture sent fr. W. F. B. Ds

The Assembly's Board and the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions urgently request the Executive Commission to settle the question of the relations of the Women's Boards to the Budget System on the following basis:

I. That the women of the Church should take their part in the Every Member Canvass and Weekly Subscription Plan of supporting the benevolences of the Church.

II. That the [redacted] offerings of the women for the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the budget, but that the local auxiliaries of the Women's Boards continue to make their contributions to these Boards + to conduct their educational & Missionary work through their own separate activities as heretofore.

Recommended be referred to a Committee who will have time to consider various questions involved and report later.

January 27th, 1914.

Dr. John Dixon,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Dixon:-

I was very sorry that I could not see you to-day at the Board rooms, but was told that you were not in the City.

We have just had a Conference with Mrs. Waters of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions on the matter of the inclusion of local women's missionary societies in the Budget of the local church. We asked Dr. Halsey to meet with us for a few moments to answer one or two questions relative to this matter and the final decision was that we need more time for the consideration of this matter, and also need to have a Conference with the officers of the Board of Home Missions. It was, therefore, agreed that Dr. Halsey would ask that the matter be left over until the February Meeting of the Joint Executive Committee, which he understood would be held in New York City, and that he would ask that time be given at that session to a meeting with the women representing the various Boards interested in this matter.

I am hurrying this note to you, as I feel sure you will be anxious to know the expression of opinion here and taken concerning this.

Believe me that I am,

Most cordially yours,

M.K.B./P.

Acting President.

January 27th, 1914.

Mrs. William Waters,

430 West 118th St.,

New York City.

Morningside 3880-

My dear Mrs. Waters:-

I am enclosing a copy as corrected of the proposed plan to be submitted to the Joint Executive Committee. If this was not your understanding of this matter, will you be good enough to let me know?

Thanking you again most cordially for coming to us this afternoon and for your help, believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

M.K.B./P.

Enclosed - plan 2-

January 28, 1914.

Miss Anna Hyatt,
262 Garfield Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Hyatt:-

After much consideration of the budget matter the enclosed new draft of a plan was made. Will you give it your careful consideration, please. I think it is not necessary for us to hold another meeting concerning this as we all seem to be agreed as to these general outlines, but you will, of course, be ready to take part in any discussion of this matter when it comes up at the Board meeting next Tuesday.

I have talked with Dr. Thompson and I believe that the Board of Home Missions will approve of this plan.

I want to tell you how very glad I am of your decision of yesterday, and to assure you that I am looking forward to much pleasure in the close co-operative effort that will now be ours. I feel a great weight of responsibility because of your kind words of yesterday, and I trust in some very small measure I may be able to fulfill your expectations.

I remain,

Faithfully yours,

B/N.

Acting President.

January 31st, 1914.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,

Room 48, 509 So. Wabash Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Berry:-

I regret extremely that there seems to have been an unaccountable delay in action upon the matter of the Overture to the Executive Commission sent by you to our Board for approval. There have been some changes in the official force here and owing to that a slight misunderstanding of this whole matter. When this came into my hands I consulted with Dr. Halsey, and have also talked with Mrs. William Waters of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions here in New York City.

As our Woman's Board of Home Missions, in November, 1912, agreed with the Executive Commission that "it is mutually agreeable that the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be included in the general budget estimate of the Church", we felt that in order to make it clear that we were not now asking to be relieved from that understanding, we would like to have a paragraph so indicating inserted in the agreement, and I am enclosing to you a copy of the Overture as it has been suggested by our Committee. You will note that in the first paragraph we have suggested that the words "settle the question" be changed to "recommend a plan"; that we have inserted a new paragraph I., and that in paragraph III we have inserted the words

"of the local church" after budget, to make this matter absolutely clear.

While the New York Board of Foreign Missions has not voted upon this, Mrs. Waters has seen it, and has, I believe, personally approved it. Dr. Halsey felt that it would be desirable that the matter should not be considered by the Joint Executive Committee in Philadelphia this week, but rather that it should be considered next month at the meeting in New York in order that some of the ladies might be present to give their their reasons, if it were desired.

Would it be asking too much to ask you to send me a night letter at my home address, 149 Dwight Place, Englewood, N. J., before Tuesday, February 3rd, indicating your personal opinion and the probable attitude of your Board toward these changes in the Overture? I only ask this because we would thus save time, if our Board could on that date act on something that would probably be the final form of the Overture.

It gives us great pleasure to co-operate with the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions whenever the opportunity occurs.

Believe me that I am, with great regret for the delay,

Very cordially yours,

KB/W

TELEGRAM FOR MRS. BENNETT.

Evansville Ill.

February 2,1914.

Accept your number one with provision that Woman's Board be consulted as to amount of their budget. Prefer settle the question. Accept local church in article three.

(Signed) Mrs. Mildred Berry.

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

February 2nd, 1914.

Mrs.F.S.Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

I have sent you a night letter as you requested, but feel that it needs explanation. It is entirely my personal opinion, but the matter has been so thoroughly discussed by our Board that it will probably be confirmed when I bring it before them on Friday, and yet I want you to know that I am acting without this confirmation.

Central Committee at its meeting in Atlanta last May agreed that the Women's Foreign Mission Boards should be included in the general budget estimate of the Church, but our protest was against being assigned a certain sum, and finding it out later without any official communication. The Executive Commission considered the point well taken, and I quote from their action at that time:- "It being understood that the Executive Commission shall confer with them (the Women's Foreign Mission Boards) through the Assembly's Board as to the amount of the Budget each year". Could not this be added to paragraph 1 ?

"Recommend a plan" does not seem to me definite enough. From our experience unless we have something more authoritative than a recommended plan, the pastors will not pay any attention to it. It is largely for use with the pastors that we are urging this action.

I am writing hurriedly as I am leaving for Indianapolis for Missionary meetings, and am glad that your letter was in time to be answered as I do not return until Friday.

Very cordially yours,
(Mrs. A.S.) Mildred Berry

February 4th, 1914.

Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Halsey:-

In considering the Overture to the Joint Executive Committee as to budgeting the Women's Societies, we were somewhat embarrassed by the fact that in November of 1912 the Woman's Board of Home Missions had agreed with the Executive Commission that it was satisfactory to us to be included in the general budget of General Assembly.

We feel that it should be very clear now that we are not asking to be relieved from that, but from conditions in the local church. We have therefore suggested the enclosed Overture. This was presented to the Woman's Board of Home Missions yesterday and approved. It is being considered by the Board of Home Missions. Mrs. Berry of the Board of the Northwest and Mrs. Waters of the New York Women's Board of Foreign Missions have had a copy thereof and have approved. I am enclosing a copy to you in order that there may be no misunderstanding.

Believe me

Very sincerely,

KB/W

CABLE ADDRESS:
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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Feb. 6,1914

Mrs. F. S. Bennett
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 4th and its enclosure. The Resolution which you have drawn seems to me is very clear and cannot possibly be misunderstood either by the Joint Executive Committee or by the General Assembly.

Very sincerely yours

A. W. Halsey

H/HS

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February 7th, 1914.

Mrs. S. F. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Yesterday the Board of the Northwest took the following action on the recommendation sent to us from the Woman's Board of Home Missions:- "The first paragraph to remain as acted upon by the Conference of Dec. 5th, 1913, except the insertion of the words "and the local Women's Missionary Societies' after 'Women's Boards! The acceptance of Paragraph 1, with the addition 'It being understood that the Executive Commission shall confer with these Boards each year as to the amount of their Budget'. The acceptance of the words 'of the local church' after budget in Paragraph III, and the addition of the word 'plan' after 'budget' .

I will send the reccomendation from your Board to the other five Women's Foreign Boards, and will have to await their favorable reply before I can present this new form to the Joint Executive Committee. As Chairman of the Committee appointed on Dec. 5th, this seems to be my duty. Under these circumstances it will hardly be possible for us to present this new form by February 18th. If we could have had the action of your Board earlier we would have been prepared for this opportunity. But sometimes these delays are unavoidable.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs. A. A.) Mildred Berry

An accident to my typewriter necessitates this finish with pen.

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February 15th, 1914.

Mrs. F.S.Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am enclosing a copy of the Overture which I have sent to Dr.John Timothy Stone, Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee. There was not time to hear from all of our Foreign Boards,but New York,Philadelphia,the Northwest and the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions by letters and telegrams agreed on the copy that I am sending. As the meeting of the Executive Commission is to be in New York, if you wish,your Board could present the Overture in the form that you prefer. The changes are so slight,the important ones we adopted,that it is practically as your Board passed it.

I am sorry that I had to bear the final responsibility of the wording of the recommendation,but we could not foresee these complications when I accepted the chairmanship of the Committee. I thought my duties would be over when our report was accepted at the Conference in New York. It would have been better to have the Chairman in New York,at headquarters.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs.A.E.,) Mildred Berry

Copy.

February 12th, 1914.

To the Joint Committee of Committee on Budget and

Executive Commission.

The Assembly's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, earnestly request the Joint Executive Committee to settle this question of the relation of the Women's Missionary Societies to the Budget System on the following basis:

I. That the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions shall be included in the general budget prepared by General Assembly. It being understood that the Executive Commission shall confer with these Boards each year as to the amount of their Budget.

II. That the women of the Church should take their part in the Every Member Canvass and the Weekly Subscription Plan of supporting the benevolencies of the Church.

III. That the offerings of the women for the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the Budget of the local church, but that the local auxiliaries of the Women's Boards continue to make their contributions to these Boards and to conduct their missionary and educational work through their own separate activities as heretofore.

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February 16, 1914.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Our Board at its meeting last week considered and adopted the paper regarding the relation of the Woman's Boards to the Budget as passed by our Woman's Board.

I send you this information that you may have it for tomorrow's meeting if desired.

Sincerely, C L Thompson

CM

February 20th, 1914.

Mrs. A. L. Berry,
509 So. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Berry:-

I did not acknowledge your letter of February 7th as I was trying to straighten out the question of what we should do conderning the sending of our request to the Executive Commission, but it seems we need not have worried, for the matter was already on the docket of that body and came up in regular order.

Yesterday at three o'clock Miss Hubbard of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions, New York, and myself were called before the Commission and during our time with them they adopted the Resolution substantially as sent by your Board. It was a unanimous action on the part of the Commission and seemed to be very cordially received. Miss Hubbard and I each had an opportunity to say a few words concerning the attitude of the women.

It is my understanding that this is a Recommendation and that we are not at liberty to use this as a working basis until it has been presented to Assembly in May. I am, however, writing to Dr. Roberts, the Stated Clerk, asking him the exact status of the matter, and when I have heard from him I will let

you know his reply. Meanwhile it seems to me the part of wisdom that we should not make the matter public until we have full authority to do so.

This has been a very happy outcome of the matter, and I feel sure that after this Recommendation it will not be turned down by Assembly.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

KB/W

February 20th, 1914.

Dr, William H. Roberts,
515 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:-

I am very sorry bo bother you, but the question has arisen as to whether the Women's Boards are at liberty to publish the action relating to budgeting the Women's Societies that was passed by the Executive Commission at its meeting in New York yesterday. There is much desire that this should appear in our magazine and be sent out, in order to meet the very urgent requests from all over the country for a decision on this matter. But I am not willing to allow this to be sent out officially until assured that this is the proper action. I do not know whether this becomes authoritative or whether it goes to Assembly in May for approval before becoming the rule to be followed. If we are at liberty to publish it now as an action of the Executive Commission I shall be very grateful if I may have a copy of the action as it passed, in order that there may be no misunderstanding of the wording.

With many thanks for your courtesies and deep appreciation of the sympathy and help of the Executive Commission, believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

KB/W

Fourth Presbyterian Church

JOHN TIMOTHY STONE, MINISTER

CHICAGO

CHURCH OFFICE
130 E. CHESTNUT STREET

February 1, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

The Budget Committee of the General Assembly will be at the Hotel Savoy, New York, on Tuesday, February fifteenth, and will be glad to meet with the representatives of your Board, to talk over the budget, at two o'clock that afternoon.

We trust this hour may be agreeable to you, and as the day is a very full one, we trust that you will inform us if it is necessary to make any change in the hour. All reports should be in our hands in ample time to meet the appointment for this meeting.

Faithfully yours,

Chairman.

J. Timothy Stone

February 8, 1916.

Rev. J. Timothy Stone, D.D.,
130 East Chestnut Street,
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. Stone:-

Your note of February first is at hand. Our Board will be represented before the Budget Committee of the General Assembly at the Hotel Savoy, New York, on Tuesday February fifteenth at two o'clock, By Miss Dora M. Fish, Treasurer of the Board, Miss Annie Hyatt, chairman of the Finance Committee and myself. I believe our report is already in your hands.

Trusting that it has been found satisfactory, believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/D

Woman's Board of Home Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Office of the Secretary for Young People's Work

June 24, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am not sure but you may be at the party at Miss Hoff's today, but nevertheless I want to call your attention to two things right off. The Assembly Herald came in yesterday and I notice in the reports from the Home Board a constant increase in gifts from the young people's societies. The report now shows $169.15 increase this fiscal year, and an increase from Sunday Schools of $664. Now our Sunday Schools dropped backward about $300. in the month month of May, so it looks as if our game is a fairer one than theirs.

The second item is in connection with the report of the Board of Ministerial Relief to the Assembly, and the Assembly having passed as Number 11 the following: "We recommend that the General Assembly approve the Boards efforts to secure annual contributions from Sunday Schools and women's societies either by a special offering on a stated occasion or by being placed on the budget of said school or society." Of course I know they will say they mean by this the women's aid societies, but they do not say so, and at that little meeting with the Executive Commission in the Spring they reported over $5000. as having been received from women's societies at that time - before the books closed. I know this is none of my business but we all need to be on our guard and indulge in watchfulness if not in waiting during these coming months.

With love and best wishes for your health and happiness,

Very sincerely,

M. J. Petrie

September 18 1916

Mrs L H Coy
Chairman Central Committee
4030 Michigan Avenue, Chicago

My dear Mrs Coy:

I wonder if you noted in the report made by the Standing Committee for the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustenance to the General Assembly of 1916 there occurred the following recommendation and that it was approved by General Assembly:

> Recommendation 11, "We recommend that General Assembly approve the Board's efforts to secure annual contributions from Sunday Schools and Woman's Societies either by a special offering on a stated occasion or by being placed in the budget of said School or Society."

I was about to write a protest against this to the Executive Commission when I learned through Miss Davison that Central Committee would meet next week. In that case I deemed it best to send a copy of this to you and ask whether Central Committee is going to protest against this action and if so whether it is your desire that we send these protests separately or in one which could perhaps be approved by the General Council on the twenty-eighth before going up.

If one General Board has the right of appeal there is no logical reason why the other Boards should not. And if the right of appeal be generally granted it means that the work of the Woman's Board will be much interfered with by these appeals which will be made.

Awaiting your reply believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MCB-SB

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
September 22, 1916.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Until I received your letter of September 18th I did not know of recommendation #11, passed by General Assembly. Central Committee will certainly want to protest, and we will take it up at our meeting next week. We, of course, must do it through the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, to which we are auxiliary. I shall be glad to talk to you further regarding it when I see you. I presume on account of the difference in organization the protests would go separately, as we can not protest directly to the Executive Commission.

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I sincerely hope that the Home Board will see its way clear to accept the recommendation for a Secretary instead of a Sub-Committee for Westminster Guild. We feel very strongly on this. We wish to do away with Westminster Guild Council, which has not proved satisfactory. The secretary would have practically the duties of the present Chairman of Westminster Guild Council, but the power would be vested in General Council. It is difficult to explain very fully by correspondence, without going into it at great length, but I hope we may reach a satisfactory conclusion in the matter when we meet together.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy.

LMC/K

September 27, 1916.

To the Executive Commission of
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
of the United States of America

Sirs:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has received notice from the Stated Clerk of General Assembly that General Assembly having adopted the following Resolution, the Woman's Board is entitled to be represented on the Every Member Plan Committee:

> RESOLVED: That, the Assembly Committee on the Every Member Plan be extended, to consist of one representative from each of the twelve Boards and Permanent Agencies, together with a Moderator of General Assembly as Chairman.

We have appreciated that the changed status of the Woman's Board of Home Missions beaause of the incorporation has altered its relation to some of the Agencies of the Church. We find ourselves, however, embarrassed at the present time because of the action taken by the Executive Commission February 18, 1914, as follows:

> "I That the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions shall be included and specified in the general budget prepared for General Assembly, it being understood that the Executive Commission shall confer with those Boards each year as to the amount of their Budget.
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> II That the women of the Church should take their part in the Every-Member Canvass and the Weekly Subscription Plan of supporting the benevolences of the Church.
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> III That the offerings of the women for the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the BUDGET of the LOCAL CHURCH but that the local auxiliaries of the Woman's Board's continue to make their contribution to these Boards and to conduct their missionary and educational work through their own separate activities as heretofore."

In view of this we have felt that our presence as proposed at the meeting of the Every Member Plan Committee at Princeton on September the twenty-ninth would hardly be warranted, and we feel impelled to ask for a definite ruling from the Executive Commission after consideration of the question involved.

The problem confronting us exists because of the unique position occupied by the Woman's Board of Home Missions in relation to the funds by which its work is carried on. It has not the same relation to the Church as a whole as have the General Boards of the Church, neither is it subsidary to a General Board of the Church as are the six Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions. The Woman's Board of Home Missions has no right of appeal to churches as church organizations, but secures its gifts primarily through an organization within the Church that has been brought into existence for the purpose of supporting the work assigned to the Woman's Boards and from the organizations of young people, the missionary education of which for missionaries has been specifically made the duty of the Woman's Boards of the Church.

In view of this fact and the ruling of 1914 we cannot but question whether we have any place in the Every Member Plan Committee as we make no claim upon the budget plan of the Church for the gifts for our work. We ask your consideration of this matter and will very gladly abide by your decision.

As we are at this time bringing the above question to your attention we feel it is not improper also to ask the attention of the Executive Commission to another matter which is giving us some concern.

The action of the Executive Commission of February 18, 1914 referred to above recognized the fact that the Women of the Churches have taken upon themselves two distinct responsibilities, one as church members, in which capac-

ity they contribute to the church benevolences and to the local expenses of the same; the other responsibility is that assumed by those women who as members of the Missionary Societies contribute to the Woman's Boards of Missions. We feel that the absolute recognition of this two-fold relationship of the women is fundamental to a clear ruling in the present situation.

It is not a new, but simply a more acute problem that presents itself today when the General Boards of the Church are asking that their claims be presented to the women organized in Missionary Societies. At the General Assembly of 1916, at Atlantic City, on May the twenty-second, the Standing Committee on the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation, presented the following:

> Recommendation 11 approved by Assembly read:
> 11 "We recommend that the General Assembly approve the Board's efforts to secure annual contributions from Sunday Schools and Woman's Societies, either by a special offering on a stated occasion or by being placed in the budget of said School or Society."

The Woman's Board of Home Missions feels called upon to make a protest regarding the above recommendation and regarding the approach from any General Board of the Church to the Woman's Societies. This protest is based upon the facts:

1st That the action of the Assembly excluding the woman's organizations from participation in the general budget of the Church recognizes that these organizations hold a unique position.

2nd That if the General Boards of the Church have the right of appeal to the women of the Church organized in Missionary Societies, <u>the very reason for the existence of these Societies ceases</u>.

They were organized because the women of the Church were willing to undertake an extra and special respondibility. The giving of the right of access

to the General Boards simply creates two lines of appeal from these General Boards to the women while the men of the Church there remains but one. We unhesitatingly say that the women of the Church in their capacity as church members are giving a fair proportion of the amount given to the General Boards through the Church as a Church. Unless the Women's Missionary Societies are to be contributors to the Woman's Boards only it would seen better that they should exist merely as educational organizations and that the financial part of their work should be a part of the general budget of the Church.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions awaits instruction on these matters, having no desire to raise any issues, but being desirous that it shall know clearly its position and act accordingly.

We shall be ready to appear before you at any time you may desire if there be further information that would clarify this situation. I am

Very truly yours,

President

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General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. Bennett

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October 30th, 1916.

Miss Edith Grier Long, Secretary,

Woman's Board of Home Missions.

My Dear Miss Long:-

The Communication received from the Woman's Board of Home Missions was duly submitted to the Executive Commission at its recent meeting in Atlantic City. The representatives of the Board, Mrs. Fred S. Bennet, President, and Miss Annie Hyatt, First Vice-President, were heard in connection with the consideration of the communication. The action of the Executive Commission is contained in the following extract from the Minutes. "It was RESOLVED, That the status of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in the Every Member Plan Committee is a matter for the consideration of the General Assembly, the Assembly of 1916 having decided that the said Woman's Board was entitled to representation in the Committee." "Further, the question of the participation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in the Budget, was referred to the Budget Committee."

The Chairman of the Budget Committee is the Rev. William R. Taylor, D.D., 13 Prince St., Rochester, N.Y.

Yours cordially,

Wm. H. Roberts
S.C.E.C.

November 16 1916

Rev William R Taylor D D
13 Prince Street
Rochester, New York

My dear Dr Taylor:

I am in receipt of a communication from Dr Roberts saying th t "the question of participation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in the Budget was referred to the Budget Committee."

I do not know your plans concerning this but it seems best to let you know that I am leaving the city on the twenty-first of this month to visit our mission stations in North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee and will be away until about the sixteenth of December. After th t I will hold myself in readiness to meet the wishes of the Committee. Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours.

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The Budget and the Women's Boards

In view of the fact that the relation of the funds of the local Women's Missionary Societies to the Budget of the church is under consideration in so many places, the following action taken by the Executive Commission of General Assembly at its meeting in New York City, February 18th, will be of interest. This action was taken after conference with representatives of all the Boards of the Church including the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions. The action taken is as follows:

"I. That the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions shall be included and specified in the general budget prepared for General Assembly, it being understood that the Executive Commission shall confer with these Boards each year as to the amount of their Budget.

II. That the women of the Church should take their part in the Every-Member Canvass and the Weekly Subscription Plan of supporting the benevolences of the Church.

III. That the offerings of the women for the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be not included in the **BUDGET OF THE LOCAL CHURCH** but that the local auxiliaries of the Women's Boards continue to make their contributions to these Boards and to conduct their missionary and educational work through their own separate activities as heretofore."

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